

Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Friday, May 22, 2015

Weather Forecast :

Today Partly cloudy with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Winds will be from the southeast at 10-20 mph. Mountain highs will be in the mid 70s, river highs in the lower 90s.

Tonight Mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Winds will be from the southeast at 10-20 mph. Overnight lows 63-68.

Tomorrow Mostly cloudy with a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Winds will be from the southeast at 10-20 mph. Mountain highs will be around 70, river highs in the mid 80s. Overnight lows 58-63.

Extended Sun-Thurs: Mostly cloudy to sunny with a chance of thunderstorms Monday and Wednesday. Highs: mid 70s - upper 90s Lows: mid 50s - upper 60s

Sunset tonight: 8:42 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 6:57 a.m.

Fire Danger

In the Chisos Mountains: Moderate

Panther Junction/Foothills: Moderate

Temperatures and Precipitation

	Temperatures – Last 24 hours				Precipitation		
	Elevation	High	Low	8 AM	24 Hours	Month	Year
Panther Junction	3750'	71	57	68	0.02	1.66	8.25
Chisos Basin	5400'	74	58	63	0.06	1.04	7.96
Rio Grande Village	1850'	80	59	66	0.00	1.33	5.58
Castolon	2170'	NR	NR	NR	NR	1.49	4.58
Persimmon Gap	2970'	71	60	64	0.01	0.62	5.72
Lajitas	2340'	85	60	62	0.04	1.60	5.69

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	3.83 ft / 82 cfs	3.82 ft / 81 cfs
Castolon	15.50	3.22 ft / 172 cfs	2.57 ft / 73 cfs
Johnson's Ranch	15.50	5.62 ft / 388 cfs	4.33 ft / 59 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	4.11 ft / 512 cfs	3.00 ft / 131 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	4.86 ft / 367 cfs	5.69 ft / 639 cfs

Current Park Conditions:

High clearance 4WD vehicles are recommended on the Old Maverick Road. The Santa Elena Canyon Road has mud and standing water and is not recommended for motorcycles.

Dangerous Heat - The heat indexes over the next few days will reach 96 degrees in the shade and 111 degrees in the sun. Exercise extreme caution. Sunstroke, heat cramps and heat exhaustion are likely when exposure to the sun and physical activity are prolonged; heat stroke is possible.

Heat safety tips: Avoid strenuous activity midday, wear light weight light colored protective clothing, a hat and sunscreen, drink a gallon of water per day and take frequent breaks in the shade to cool down.